MADURA YOUNG MEN.

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I will study and prepare myself and then, some day my chance will come. *Abraham Lincoln.*

KHANDALA SUMMER SCHOOL.

We welcome back to active work on the staff, Mr. D. Ernest, Associate Secretary, after his period of vacation and of special study at Khandala. The following is his report:—

The third annual Summer School for Indian Secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. was held this year in the disused military barracks situated on a hill in Khandala, a small but beautiful village surrounded by other offshoots of the Western Ghats and situated on the Poona-Bombay section G.I.P.R. line Eleven secretaries came from the different parts of India and Ceylon and Mr. O. O. Stanchfield, B.A., and Messrs K. K. Kuruvilla B.A.,B.D., H. A. Walter M.A.,B.D. and Dr. J H. Gray, M.D. as Professors made up the faculty for the whole time. The School opened with the celebration of Easter Sunday but actual classes began on the 1st and lasted till the 28th April. Among the several subjects taught, Comparative Religion, Early Church History, Association History of England and North America and Association Problems were the most important. Classes were also held in Physical Education and on various other topics which seemed necessary for the efficiency of Association work. Secretaries were specially trained in the preparation of papers on subjects prescribed by the professors who supplied them with a few books from their private and Training School libraries to help them

during their study hours. As in every other school examinations were held at the end of the course. The last two days were appropriately spent in an excursion to Bombay and in visiting the different Associations for studying the work done there chiefly among Europeans Indian men, students and boys, Eurasian apprentices Indian and European soldiers and the War hospitals.— Thanks to the General Secretary and staff of the Bombay Association for their unselfish bit of service rendered in taking us rouud and showing the different phases of their work.

The School, I understand, was the best of its kind ever held; and to be brief it was worth while and profitable to every individual who had the privilege of taking part in it, and all of us left the School with brighter hopes looking forward to put into practice what had been gathered on the mountain top of Khandala.

Y.M.C.A. PICNIC.

A novel form of outing was the picnic indulged in by 14 young men who started out at 11 p.m. one night recently from the Y.M.C.A. for Sulaiman, 6 miles east of Madura. The journey on foot was enlivened by music from flute, concertina and mouthorgan played by various members of the party. After two hours' walking in the moonlight the party camped in a fine cocoanut tope. After the morning coffee various games were played. Singing, vocal and instrumental, followed the more vigorous recreation of sport and the whole day was much enjoyed.

The party were fortunate in having with them Mr. Rajah Bushanam whose thorough training as a scout made him an excellent supervisor of the cooking department. The various members succeeded in preparing their meals in a highly satisfactory fashion.

The outing was arranged and carried through by Mr. Rajah James. Those who took part voted the affair a grand success and came home in the evening anxious to repeat the picnic at an early date.

THE I. D. F.

During a short visit to Trichy lately, the General Secretary was fortunate enough to find a number of Madura friends among those taking the three months course of training in the Indian Defence force. One well-known educationist and two vakils are members of a platoon of what will probably be known as the Universities Company. About twenty-five students from Pasumalai are there. It was especially pleasant to have good chats with T. E. Srinivasan and Mathuram S. Nallatamby who have been members of our Scout training class. They were in good health and cheerful, and were finding the work interesting.

A BEREAVEMENT.

We extend our deep sympathy to our friend Sergt. Thomas Sadler of the local Police Force who lost two of his little sons lately from an attack of cholera. Sergt. Sadler had brought his family from Coonoor only a month before and naturally feels very keenly the sudden loss incurred through his coming to Madura.

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BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

Our hearty congratulations go to Mr. K. T. Paul, National General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in India and Ceylon who was awarded the Order of the British Empire on the King's birthday. The honour is one richly deserved by Mr. Paul. It is the latest of several occasions on which the King Emperor has been pleased to recognize the War Services of our Association leaders. The Kaisar-i-Hind gold medal awarded to Mr. E C. Carter in India, and the honours of the British Empire conferred on Sir Arthur Yapp in England, and on Mr. O. H McCowen formerly of Burma but now in charge of the Y.M.C A. work for British troops in France, illustrate the esteem in which the Red Triangle is held because of its services in the zones of war.

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